



## FY 2000 Region 7 Environmental Justice Grants Project Synopsis

### Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO - RGI Funding, \$14,994

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The Home Evaluation Program for the Prevention of Allergy and Asthma is a program designed to address the increasing rates of asthma and allergy patients within the targeted community. Three participants of the Children's Mercy Summer Youth Program will be supervised and trained to identify, analyze and remediate indoor environmental contaminants in their community.

### D.R.E.A.M. Center Partners, Kansas City Missouri - RGI Funding, \$15,000

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The purpose of this program is to educate and empower adult basic education students and neighborhood residents regarding environmental and economic issues in which they participate either as consumers and/or contributors. The program aims to address the long-standing community problems of litter, improper trash disposal, ground water pollution, illegal dumping, and general lack of knowledge for environmental stewardship at the neighborhood grass-roots level. Target audience for this project consists of two overlapping groups: Adult Basic Education Students with a minimum age of sixteen years; residents of the 49/63 Neighborhood Coalition; and Blue Hills Neighborhoods.

### Hodgeman County Health Department, Jetmore, Kansas - HQS Funding, \$15,000

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The Hodgeman County Health Department will screen the blood lead level on 30 Children test the water for lead in 10 homes where children ages one to five reside. This project will educate parents and care givers on the dangers of lead exposure and provide ways to reduce the risk.

### Joint City-Cowley County Board of Health, Winfield, KS - HQS Funding, \$15,000

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The purpose of this project is to screen low income and minority children in Chautauqua, City-Cowley, and Sumner Counties for lead poisoning in children ages six months to six years. Lead poison prevention activities will be provided and patient parent education techniques will be administered to help reduce lead exposure.

### Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition, Inc., Rapid City, SD - OECA Funding, \$15,000

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The purpose of this project is to identify tribal sovereign issues and judiciary structures necessary to improve the communication and coordination between the tribal judiciary and environmental departments to initiate the development of an environmental judicial infrastructure to address internal and external water pollution and solid waste issues in Indian Country.

#### Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Macy, NE - OECA Funding, \$15,000

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The purpose of this project is to continue the Omaha Tribe's initiative to increase the education and awareness of household hazardous waste through training on the Omaha Tribal Reservation.

#### Shawnee County Health Agency, Topeka, KS - HQS Funding, \$15,000

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This project will educate 200 low income/ethnic minority families with children ages newborn to six years on lead poisoning prevention. Awareness will be increased among low income tenants, homeowners and landlords on the need to reduce lead hazards when remodeling older homes. In addition, community agencies providing home visitation services, health care providers and the general public will be educated on the importance of lead poison prevention.

#### Sunflower Community Action, Inc., Wichita, Kansas - RGI Funding, \$14,800

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The Project to Prevent Lead Poisoning and Asthma will raise awareness of lead poisoning and the connection between poor indoor air and asthma. It will also identify and train a network of new leaders that will be able to partner with existing agencies and landlords for needed change.

#### Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Kansas - RGI Funding, \$15,000

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Project goal is to reduce the risk of contamination and illnesses associated with household hazardous projects, as well as mold and mildew to infants and children in child care facilities. The target audience will be approximately 2,900 infants and children within 110 child care facilities which include licensed day care homes, licensed group day care homes, registered day care homes, child care centers, preschools, group boarding homes and residential centers. These child care facilities are located in predominately low-income, racially/culturally diverse communities in Wyandotte County, Kansas.

#### Washington County C2000 Partnership, Potosi, MO - HQS Funding, \$14,932

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The Safe Handling of Waste-Managed Environmentally community group will examine alternative waste disposal techniques and alleviate negative social, economic, and environmental impacts of leaking landfills on the citizens in Washington County.

#### Wyman Center, Eureka, MO - RGI Funding, \$14,227

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This project will further develop a Field Science Academy for one hundred at-risk fourth and fifth grade students. The Academy will address clean water and solid waste issues and include a reduce, reuse, and recycle component. The reduce, reuse, and recycle session will provide training and demonstrations on locating recycling resources, disposing of solid wastes, and eliminating negative solid waste effects on the environment.